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SUBJECT: CARICOM ENERGY MEETING

REF: GEORGETOWN 1747

CARICOM OFFICIALS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET HERE DEC 10 AND 11
IN FACT WOUND UP DISCUSSIONS LATE MONDAY NIGHT, DEC 10 AND
ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE. QUOTE: A SPECIAL MEETING OF
CARIFTA/CARICOM MINISTERS WAS HELD AT THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
SECRETARIAT, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY, TO
DISCUSS THE REGIONAL ENERGY CRISIS. THIS MEETING WAS PRECEDED
BY A SPECIAL MEETING OF CARIFITA/CARICOM OFFICIALS HELD AT THE
SAME VENUE ON 19TH NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS THE SAME SUBJECT.
THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT, MR. WILLIAM G. DEMAS. HON. S.S.
RAMPHAL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GUYANA WAS UNANIMOUSLY
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING. THE MINISTERS WARMLY WELCOMED
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THE SIGNATURE BY THE HON. AUSTIN BRAMBLE, CHIEF MINISTER OF

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MONTESERRAT, OF THE GEORGETOWN ACCORD AND OF THE REGIONAL AGREE-
MENTS ON HARMONIZATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY, THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION AND THE
AGREEMENT FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TXATION BETWEEN THE LDC'S
AND THE MDC'S. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE
INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN SEEKING REGIONAL
CONSULTATIONS ON THE ENERGY CRISIS AND FOR REQUESTING THAT THE
PREVIOUS MEETING AT OFFICIAL LEVEL SHOULD BE SUMMONED. THE
MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DECISION MADE BY
THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT IN WHICH IT CALLED UPON THE
OIL REFINERIES OPERATING IN THAT COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN THE
TRADITIONAL SUPPLIES TO THE CARIFTA:ARICOM MARKET AT LEVELS PREVAIL-
ING BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. THE
MINISTERS WELCOMED THE INDICATION GIVEN BY THE MINISTER OF
PETROLEUM AND MINES OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, SENATOR  THE HON.
FRANCIS PREVATT, THAT SO FAR AS NORMAL SUPPLIES TO THE REGION
DIRECTLY OUT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REFINERIES WERE CONCERNED,
THE COMPANIES HAD ACCEPTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVE TO MAINTAIN
THESE SUPPLIES.  SO FAR AS SHORT-FALLS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DUE
TO CUTBACKS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS WERE CONCERNED, THE TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO GOVERNMENT WAS CURRENTLY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE REFINERIES
IN THE LIGHT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
AND WOULD DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THESE SHORT-
FALLS WOULD BE MET OUT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. SENATOR PREVATT
EXPLAINED THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE BEING HELD AS A
MATTER OF URGENCY AND THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT WITHOUT
DIFFICULTY, HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THEM AND TO BE IN
A POSITION TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT AN EARLY DATE. THE
MINISTER OF MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF JAMAICA, THE HON.
ALLAN ISACCS, WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN ONLY UPON ARRIVAL AT THE
MEETING THAT THE ESSO REFINERY IN JAMAICA HAD CUT SUPPLIES OF
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, WHICH WERE TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED FROM
JAMAICA, TO BELIZE. THESE CUTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN EFFECTED
BY ESSO UNILATERALLY, WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERN-
MENT OF JAMAICA. THE JAMAICAN MINISTEREMPHASIZED THAT SUPPLIES
OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE ESSO REFINERY IN JAMAICA TO ITS
TRADITIONAL CARIFTA/CARICOM MARKETS, ESPECIALLY THE BELIZE
MARKET, WILL BE MAINTAINED, PROVIDED THAT THIS REFINERY DOES NOT
EXPERIENCE ANY DIMUNUTION IN ITS SUPPLIES OF CRUDE OIL. THE
MINISTERS AGREED TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLE THAT REGIONAL REQUIRE-
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MENTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE SUPPLIES OF
REFINERIES OPERATING IN THE REGION AND NOTED THE STEPS BEING
TAKEN BY THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT TO GIVE EFFECT TO
THIS PRINCIPLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS
IN THE REGION. THE MEETING VIEWED THIS PRINCIPLE AS PART OF
A WIDER PHILOSPHY THAT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND PRODUCTION
SHOULD, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE APPLIED TO THE SATISFACTION
OF REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS. FINALLY, THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZED THE

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NEED TO CONTINUE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE SITUATION ARISING
OUT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS. UNQUOTE. KING

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